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Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled FLUID DELIVERY DEVICE IDENTIFICATION AND LOADING SYSTEM are the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. Form PTO-1449, in duplicate
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Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence such consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed Foreign documents are attached.

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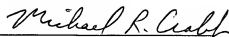
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Place of Publication)

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